



THE MUSE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

The Lynchburg Museum's Upcoming Exhibit: Experience The James: Lynchburg's Pathway to the World



Batteaumen, by Benjamin Latrobe, courtesy of the Library of Virginia. Many of the batteau crews were African American but the actual batteaux were much longer than what is represented.

After several years of focusing on the Civil War Sesquicentennial and Lynchburg's role in the war, the Lynchburg Museum staff began to look at what the next major exhibition should cover. As we examined the forces and events that had the most significant impact on the city over time, the James River overshadowed all other contenders, for without the river, there would

be no Lynchburg. While the topic had great potential, the immediate question became what artifacts and images could be displayed that would do justice to this majestic and historic waterway.

Thankfully, the Museum owned boat models, historic photographs, a captain's desk and clock from the packet boat Marshall, and similar items as a starting point. Virginia

museums have a long history of helping fellow institutions and a number of contacts and loan requests were initiated. There were also potential partners to collaborate with on educational programs such as the Virginia Canals and Navigations Society, Amazement Square, Lynchburg Parks and Recreation, Lynchburg Water Resources, and the James River Association. We are

pleased to report each has become a partner.

Experience The James: Lynchburg's Pathway to the World, will explore the history, imagery, art, and natural resources of the James River through time. Opening on Friday, June 6, 2014, the exhibition will run through December 31, 2015. The exhibit will explore the James from its source near Eagle Rock to Old Point Comfort and the Chesapeake Bay.

Early explorers, the birth and end of slavery in America, pirates, westward expansion, war, how the river has been misused, and the work underway to bring it back to health are included.

The exhibit will occupy the Gifford Gallery and the changing gallery in the lower level and tie in with existing exhibits, many of which already have river-related themes. Objects will include prehistoric tools, ceramics, tobacco-related items, historic and modern art, early artifacts from digs at Jamestown and Jordan Point, and items recovered from vessels that plied the river and canals. Two media programs are being created: one with historic and



Fort Monroe is in Hampton where the James River meets the Chesapeake Bay.

modern photographs from along the James and another with interviews of people who have diverse connections to the waterway.

The Museum is borrowing images and artifacts from the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, Historic Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, regional artists, Library of Virginia, Lynchburg College, E. C. Glass Art Collection, Maier Museum of Art, Archaeological Society of Virginia, Mariner's Museum, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Virginia Canals and Navigations Society, Virginia Historical Society,

Valentine Richmond History Center, and others.

Whether you are an artist, boater, bird watcher, hiker, environmentalist, history buff, fishermen, or just love all things Virginian, Experience The James: Lynchburg's Pathway to the World should not be missed. Every one of us in Central Virginia is personally linked to the James River—as a water source, the recipient of our waste and stormwater, as a recreational venue, or simply as the beautiful natural asset that flows through our lives.



Volunteer Spotlight:

Carolyn Kidd

Carolyn is one of our great volunteers who devotes her time to Point of Honor. Carolyn grew up in Lynchburg, graduating from Virginia Tech in 2009 with a double major in music and economics. In 2010 she received a Master of Public Administration from Virginia Tech. She is currently working on her Master of Business Administration at Lynchburg College and will graduate this summer. Carolyn works at J. Crew, enjoys playing her euphonium, and going to the movies. Carolyn began volunteering at Point of Honor to make more connections with the community and her favorite event is Day at the Point.

The Lynchburg Museum System has many opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer! Spend time at Point of Honor, in the Point of Honor Gift Shop, and at the Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House giving tours, greeting visitors, working on special projects, learning hands-on activities, assisting school children during field trips, and much more! If you are interested, please contact Whitney Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator by phone or email, (434) 455-4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.

Annual Fund (August 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013)

Total contributions as of 12/31/2013: \$14,767.00

It is never too late to help—please send your contribution to Lynchburg Museum Foundation, Box 529, Lynchburg, VA 24505
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Family (up to 4 kids under 17)	\$75	Box 529
		Lynchburg, VA 24505

Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor Selected to List of Virginia's 250 Most Important Structures

Architects across Virginia nominated 250 structures they consider the best of Virginia's rich architectural heritage. The Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House and Point of Honor are on the list. The public was asked to vote for their favorites and once votes are tallied, the top 100 will be featured in an exhibition entitled Virginia's Favorite Architecture. The exhibition is part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects and will open on April 10, 2014 at the Virginia Center for Architecture in Richmond. Stay tuned to see if we made the top 100!

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2014 Event Calendar

Lynchburg Museum System

First Fridays

The Museum is open the First Friday of every month from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for FREE, focusing on a variety of topics related to Lynchburg history. We are on the free trolley route!

January 17

Kids' Night at the Lynchburg Museum

Kids ages 7-12 enjoy a night of fun activities at the Museum! Scavenger Hunt, Night Art, and Much More! End with popcorn and a movie.
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Snow Date: January 24
\$25 per child. Reserve early!

January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Museum and Point of Honor FREE to visitors
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

February 17

President's Day

Museum and Point of Honor FREE to visitors
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 5

Egg Roll on the Lawn at Point of Honor

Joint event with Lynchburg Parks & Recreation and the Lynchburg Museum System FREE
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. kids ages 4-10 enjoy storytelling, egg rolls, egg hunts, games and much more! Families: bring your picnic lunch!

April 29

Garden Day

Point of Honor is FREE to visitors from
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tea and refreshments

will be served at Point of Honor and Lynchburg Water Resources will do a rain barrel demonstration. The Gift Shop will have a sale on special items.

June 23-27

Discover Lynchburg Kids Summer Camp

Kids ages 9-12 can enjoy a week long camp from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily exploring the history of Lynchburg and the James River!
\$50 per child. Reserve early!

July 14-18

Teacher Recertification Camp

Educators explore Lynchburg area history and earn recertification credits at the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. daily. \$50 per teacher. Reserve early!

October 4

Day at the Point

Point of Honor will host the 17th Annual Day at the Point. This fall festival brings together living history, food, kids' games and crafts, period music, a full-size batteau, Gift Shop sale, and more. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. FREE

November 11

Veteran's Day

Museum and Point of Honor FREE to visitors
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 7

Christmas Open House at Point of Honor

Point of Honor, one of Lynchburg's architectural jewels, will host its 32nd Annual Open House. Decorated for Christmas 1815, the home will feature native greens, yule log, and customs of the day. Join us for period music, refreshments, and a special sale in our Gift Shop. Noon to 4:00 p.m. FREE

The Museum and Point of Honor are closed only on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Open hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and Noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Call (434) 455-6226 for more information.

Contact the Museum Educator for group tours and special programs:

(434) 455-4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.

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